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**Tax Rush Hour:** High tide at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Madison Ave. and 45 St., in the annual last-minute rush to get income tax declarations under the deadline. The people filling out the blanks look kind of worried, but so do the clerks. Maybe the clerks haven't filed their own statements yet.  
—Daily Worker photo

### 1st Fights Into Seven Towns; 3d Hews Moselle Bridgehead

PARIS, March 15 (UP).—American First Army troops today fought out of the Remagen bridgehead and stormed up to the Cologne-Frankfurt superhighway, as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army drove across the Moselle River north of the Saar Basin, and U.S. Seventh and French First armies attacked along a 50-mile front in the south.

Patton swiftly carved out a bridgehead nine miles wide and six miles deep at last reports, while the Seventh Army advanced three miles and swept up 1,000 prisoners as tactical planes flying 2,000 sorties flailed German defenses before both armies. Pilots said the entire southern Saar front was covered by a pall of smoke at the end of the day, obscuring their targets.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army troops, in their most sweeping gains yet made east of the Rhine, cleared, captured or fought into seven towns rimming the Remagen bridgehead in general advances that drove more than a mile through the wooded hills.

One column fought a daylong battle in the tiny forest hamlet of Rottbitze, four miles east of Honnef, driving the Germans out in the late afternoon. The enemy withdrew to the far embankment of the Cologne-Frankfurt superhighway, and the two forces took up positions on either side of the road, with their guns barring its use to either army.

#### ROAD FORTIFIED

It was believed that the embankments and the cloverleaf entrance approaches of the great six-lane highway have been strongly fortified to prevent the First Army from breaking out onto the road and racing for the Ruhr.

Two other First Army columns to the north also were within sight of the superhighway. One of these now is fighting for the town of Agienberg, three miles northeast of Honnef, after turning back several German counterattacks and plunging forward more than a half-mile.

The other is less than a half-mile from the road in the area south of Bruensberg, four miles northeast of Honnef, where the doughboys are fighting like mountain goats, from hilltop to hilltop.

The bridgehead was expanded to 12 miles wide and six miles deep during the day with other attacks. One carried into Lorscheid, six miles east of the Rhine, and held the town against a German counter-attack by tanks and infantry.

Patton's dash across the Moselle was made in silence, without artillery preparation.

Eleven German towns fell in the first few hours of the drive—Udenhausen, Macken, Morshausen, Oppenheim, Herschwiessen, Bauhof, Alken, Burgen, Nortershausen, Brodenbach and Luetz. The northernmost point of the new bridgehead—at Udenhausen—is eight miles south of Coblenz. The southernmost point is south of Treis, 17 miles southwest of Coblenz.

### Yanks Blast Oranienburg, Depot For Nazis in Stettin Area

LONDON, March 15 (UP).—American warplanes struck the war's heaviest blow in direct support of the Red Army today, attacking objectives north and south of Berlin, while British Lancasters, again carrying the huge new 11-ton bombs, blasted a big rail viaduct leading out of the Ruhr, Italy-based U. S. bombers hit five oil refineries in Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria. The five plants produce an estimated one-fourth of Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle sent 1,350 Fortresses and Liberators and 750 fighters against military targets in the Berlin area. Half the fleet, largest ever sent that far east, bombed key railyards at Oranien-

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# Egg Wholesalers Move to Call Strike in City Monday

An egg "holiday," voted for next Monday in New York by members of the Butter and Egg Merchants Association drew sharp criticism from a farm leader, who declared this threat of a strike by the wholesalers was an attempt to break OPA ceilings.

The "holiday," voted at a Manhattan Center meeting, would black out 80 percent of the city's egg sales if wholesalers resort to the same threat tactics used recently by retail butchers.

Violations of egg prices are widespread all the way down the line, from farmer to retailer, and consumers are forced to pay more than legal OPA prices, Edward Yeomans, spokesman for the Farmer's Union in Hightstown, N. J., said yesterday. This area sends large shipments of eggs to New York.

Because of two meatless days a week, "eggs are moving fast and are not abundant, considering the demand," he pointed out. "Regardless of grade, they are selling at top prices."

According to the OPA year-round schedule, egg prices are slated to the rate of one cent a week. Merchants, buying eggs in an effort to make a fast kill in profits, find OPA's scheduled reduction in egg prices is getting in their way.

## WON'T BACK STRIKE

Yeomans said that this is no time to strike against ceiling prices. Our organization will not support such a strike. Rather, we feel that the entire situation should be investigated.

A spokesman for the War Food

Administration told the Daily Worker that if an emergency should rise in egg distribution, the WFA would use emergency measures. Eggs would not be permitted to go to waste, he said.

Yeomans pointed out that black markets in poultry are tempting many farmers to kill their laying chickens. "The black market in hens is even greater than that in eggs," he said, adding that the high slaughter of chickens is affecting egg production.

A method of cutting around the threatening wholesalers was voiced yesterday by Meyer Parodneck, president of the Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative, who said:

"If retailers want eggs and wholesalers won't sell to them, then the farmers will."

The Butter and Egg Merchants Association petitioned OPA in Washington on March 5 for a price markup at the wholesale level, thus threatening an increase to consumers. Yesterday a delegation, conferring with Regional OPA Administrator Daniel P. Woolley in an effort to get prompter action from Washington, was informed that no statement would come prior to March 24.

# GOP Topped Democrats 2 to 1 in Poll Expenses

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Republicans spent almost twice as much as Democrats in the unsuccessful GOP campaign last fall, the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee headed by Sen. Theodore F. Green (D-RI) revealed today.

While Republican campaign orators were assailing the CIO-PAC, Republican coffers were swelled by \$109,832 from 31 members of the duPont family and \$96,995 from nine members of the family of Pennsylvania oil and shipbuilding king Joe Pew with other substantial contributions from Rockefellers, Mellons, Guggenheims and Vanderbilts.

As compared with national PAC contributions of \$1,405,120, the United Republican Finance Committee for Metropolitan New York got contributions of \$1,629,451.

The committee reported total campaign contributions of more than \$25,000,000 of which various Republican committees spent \$13,192,377 while Democratic organizations spent \$7,441,298.

## PRAISES PAC

The committee denied that there had been violations of the law by PAC, and praised PAC's "spirit of cooperation" in making information available to the committee.

"In contrast to some other organizations," said the report "the PAC filed regular financial statements with the Clerk of the House of Representatives," as provided for under the Federal Corrupt Practices Act.

The contrasting organizations, which practiced secrecy, included the W. Lee O'Daniel News published by "Pappy" O'Daniel, who ignored Senator Green's two letters asking him to appear before the committee.

"Pappy's" Roosevelt-baiting paper

took in \$70,000 from anti-administration corporations and individuals. A \$2,500 check sent in by Marrs McLean, state finance chairman of the Texas State Republican Committee was marked "political."

Information on Pappy's operations was turned over to the Justice Department by the committee. Secrecy also was practiced by the American Democratic National Committee, with which "Pappy" was connected. It withheld information about its donors until after it was put on the spot by committee hearings.

## NAM MOUTHPIECE

Fulton Lewis, Jr., radio commentator, close to the more reactionary circles of the National Association of Manufacturers, refused to appear before the committee to substantiate wild charges that a shipbuilding company in Minnesota holding war contracts, was pressuring other firms for campaign gifts.

Two GOP committee members, Homer Ferguson of Michigan and Joseph H. Ball of Minnesota made an unsuccessful effort to obtain approval for a suggested revision of the Corrupt Practices Act to prohibit political contributions by labor.

Chairman Green and Sens. Tom Stewart (D-Tenn) and James M. Tunnell (D-Del) declared that this would be a limitation on free speech, press and assembly.

The committee recommended revision of the \$3,000,000 limit on political contributions as "unrealistic" since this is evaded by setting up a number of committees, and suggested that so-called "educational and independent" committees engaging in campaigns be covered under the act as political committees.

# Ickes Warns ALP of Plots on Peace and Jobs

Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes warned last night that the same forces that promoted Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's candidacy last fall are plotting against an enduring peace and full employment.

Ickes addressed 1,000 diners at the annual American Labor Party banquet at the Hotel Commodore by a special hookup from Washington. He was unable to attend because of illness.

Ickes declared that the congressional fights against President Roosevelt's appointments of Henry A. Wallace and Aubrey Williams were part of this same plot. These

The speeches of Rep. Marcantonio and NMU president Joseph Curran were not available when this edition went to press. They will be reported in later editions.

reactionary forces can be defeated, he declared, if the same unity that was achieved behind the President is maintained in the future.

"Liberty, equality and security, today tomorrow and always" are keynotes of the program around which unity can be achieved, he said.

Sidney Hillman, ALP state chairman and chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, called for renewed efforts for national unity and international unity in his address. Hillman, just returned from the World Trade Union Conference in London, reported on conference achievements and said that he had found that labor in France, Belgium and Italy had been the single stabilizing factors protecting our rear while our armed forces knocked out the foe.

Other speakers included Louis Hollander, state CIO president, Hyman Blumberg, ALP executive secretary, Rep. Vito Marcantonio, ALP New York County chairman, Rep. A. Clayton Powell, Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union and the City CIO, and Freda Kirchwey, editor of The Nation.

## NAILES CRAWFORD, LUCE

"We called 1944 a year of decision," Hillman said. "That decision was won by the people. But 1945 and 1946 will be no less decisive."

Telling briefly of his observations in Paris, Hillman let fly a shaft at Frederick Crawford, former president of the National Association



HILLMAN MARCANTONIO

of Manufacturers, and Rep. Clare Booth Luce, who said they found the French living in luxury. "Like them, I saw the tea room of the Ritz at tea time," Hillman said, but he added that he met with trade unionists, resistance fighters and other patriots and saw for himself the widespread hunger and need of the people. He urged that within limits set by military necessity, every aid be given to relieve suffering in liberated Europe.

Congressman Powell hailed ALP victories and predicted new ones to come. "We shall not stop until, through the mandate of the people, we are victorious in the local mayoralty election this year, the gubernatorial



HAROLD L. ICKES

campaign next year and Henry Wallace for President in 1948," he said.

Hollander described passage of the Ives-Quinn anti-discrimination law as a "victory of the highest importance." He warned however, that vigilance to see that the law is enforced would be necessary. A battle to remove discrimination in education and housing still lies ahead, he said.

# Powell Flays Rankin In House on Racism

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Professional Jew-baiters and Negro-baiters are being slapped down much harder in Congress this term.

Today Adam Clayton Powell, Negro Democrat from Harlem, denounced John E. Rankin's (D-Miss) racial poison in a speech from the well of the House.

Yesterday Matthew H. Neely, former Democratic governor of West Virginia, and Vito Marcantonio, New York ALP leader, scored Clare Hoffman (R-Mich) as a Jew-baiter in two dramatic attacks.

And John W. McCormack (D-Mass), the House Majority Leader, reminded the Michigan anti-Semite that "we are all Americans."

Rankin glared from his seat as Powell took the floor to reply to the Mississippian's attack on the anti-bias law just passed in New York, but kept silent.

Powell tore to shreds Rankin's references to "persecuted white gentiles," who Rankin said would suffer if Negroes and Jews won their proper place.

## PERVERTED

"Only a few perverted un-Americans have distorted the purposes of this act," said the young congressman.

But this fascist minority won't last, Powell declared.

"The truth of it is that the people are on the march and they are going to crush every fascist, not only in Europe, but also in America."

"The people—together united—aren't going to stand much longer for rabble-rousing, demagogic fascists," he said in conclusion.

# AFL Flails Air on World Body

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The American Federation of Labor, acting through its international committee, today sharply attacked the London World Trade Union Conference in an attempt to block the influence of the 50,000,000 WTUC supporters at the San Francisco United Nations conference.

The AFL's statement again put forward the defunct International Federation of Trade Unions as the only body of "free and bona-fide" unions, ignoring the fact that the IFTU is represented on the continuations committee of 45 named at London.

The frantic effort of the AFL leaders, whose policies run counter to the Crimea decisions, went so far as to claim that joint labor action on international policy "goes far beyond the legitimate functions of trade unions or the privilege of citizenship."

The statement added that "primary function of labor unions must be concentrated in the field of collective bargaining."

Anticipating the declarations of the London conference continuations committee when it meets here on the eve of the San Francisco parley, the AFL declares it will not associate itself to "any manifesto" which may be issued.

Feeling its own isolation from the united world movement of labor, the AFL statement develops the view that labor of each country should have its own representation at the "peace table." But there should be no unity of labor.

# Philippine Puppet's House Attacked

The Japanese Domei Agency reported yesterday that the house in which Jose P. Laurel, president of the puppet Philippines regime, was living has been riddled by bullets and was just missed by an American bomb recently.

Hoffman also squirmed the day before as Neely castigated him for his violent recent anti-Semitic speech against Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter—a speech that might have been taken word for word from the works of last summer's sedition trial defendants.

"Let us once and for all forsake the degrading, dangerous habit of slandering the Jews," declared the elderly ex-governor.

"From the dawn of sacred history to the present hour the Jews have borne more than their share of the world's burdens. . . . They have done more than their part to elevate humanity from the depths of humanity to the heights of civilization."

Let us, he added, behave like Americans.

## REFUSES TO YIELD

Adolph J. Sabath, venerable chairman of the Rules Committee, also tried to reply to Hoffman later, when the Michigan anti-Semite took the floor again, but Hoffman would not yield.

Nor, after challenging any one to prove that he was really anti-Semitic, would Hoffman yield to Marcantonio, but the ALP leader wouldn't be denied.

"A challenge was issued," cried Marcantonio, his voice ringing through the House. "I would like to meet that challenge," he continued.

And meet it he did with a one-minute speech saying that when Hoffman "singles out a person's race, when he singles out his birthplace, for the purpose of demeaning him, and for no other reason," then he is "Jew-baiting."



## An Editorial

## Light-Mindedness on China

IT MUST be a tough life for editorial writers on the N. Y. Herald Tribune. When they produce a reasonably good editorial on China's Communists, as they did on the last two successive Mondays, they immediately prepare to contradict themselves. What all this does to the readers of that august journal we can only imagine.

Yesterday's performance is a case in point, and shows an unserious attitude toward the terrible danger of a disintegration in Chungking China which will jeopardize the entire Far Eastern war effort. For as Earl Browder pointed out in his speech to the Shanghai Tiffin Club last Tuesday, the collapse in Chungking may come before the Communist proposal of a democratic coalition can be carried into effect.

The Herald Tribune discovers that the Chinese Communists aren't the only soldiers fighting Japan; it points to the Kuomintang victory in Lashio, Burma. Of course, no one denied that Kuomintang troops are fighting (especially in those parts of Burma which the top bureaucracy in Chungking hopes to annex after the war). The point is how effective has the Kuomintang been in the main strategic areas of Honan and Hunan? The point is the direction of Chinese affairs as a whole, and on that the Herald Tribune is cavalier in a very critical time.

Then, it proceeds to criticize the "present tendency toward adoration of the Chinese Communists . . ."; but adoration is a ridiculous word, when the American public is only beginning to discover the realities, both as regards the Communist-led areas and the mess inside Chungking. Is it possible that the Herald Tribune is trying to offset the effects of Harrison Forman's Report on Red China, much of it originally written in the pages of that paper itself?

Then the editorial advises the Communists not to boast of their military achievements, because their agrarian reforms are more important. Yes, but is there no connection between the two? The agrarian reforms actually point toward a new democratic China, as Mr. Browder emphasized. The failure to make such reforms elsewhere is not only responsible for last year's debacle but would leave China semi-feudal, bankrupt, and a prey to every pro-Japanese element. Is this choice something to dismiss so casually as the Herald Tribune does?

More light on the real issues—and not light-mindedness—is what this country needs. The entire direction of our war effort in Asia is involved.

## Churchill Sees Victory 'Before Summer Ends'

LONDON, March 15 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told his Conservative Party today that Britain and her Allies will defeat Germany "before the summer ends, or even sooner," and Britain will help the United States fight Japan "to the last inch and the last minute."

Addressing the party's national convention, he asserted Britain's moral right to claim postwar economic assistance "from those we have helped to victory"—which was taken to be a reference to the United States.

But he stressed that Britain had no wish "to live on the charity or generosity of any nation" and, moreover, "we must never agree to found our economic life on the indulgence or favor even of Allies we most dearly cherish."

Another apparent reference to the United States—and to the Soviet Union—was his statement that, in view of its war record, Britain will

have no postwar "need to seek the advice even of our most honored Allies as to how we should conduct ourselves with regard to our own affairs." This remark seemed aimed at critics of British colonial policy.

"At the head of our mainmast we fly the flag of free enterprise," he said. "We are determined that native genius and the spirit of adventure, of risk-taking, in peace as in war, shall bear our fortunes forward. . . ."

Should the war in Europe end by autumn "or even sooner," Britain will have its first general election since 1935, he said.

He announced that if the present coalition should be ended before the general election and he was asked to form a new government, he would invite "not only Conservatives but men of good will of any party or no party who are willing to serve and thus invest our administration with a national character."

## Red Army Splits Nazi Konigsberg Pocket

LONDON, March 15 (UP).—Soviet troops have split the German pocket southwest of Konigsberg by driving to the Frisches lagoon, the Soviet communique announced tonight, while the German radio reported that massive waves of Soviet troops are assailing the

bulging "Berlin Line" on a 40-mile Oder front. Moscow also announced that 4,000 Germans were killed in the Konigsberg sector on Wednesday and Berlin said that seven Soviet armies are attacking southwest of that city.

Berlin also said that Soviet offensives had broken through the perimeter defenses of German coastal pockets in East Prussia around the twin ports of Danzig and Gdynia and at Kolberg, 133 miles west of Danzig.

## Await New Pole Gov't by Apr. 25

WASHINGTON, March 15. (UP).—The United States will propose to the other United Nations at the San Francisco World Security Conference an "open door" policy for the press, radio, photo services and general public, it was announced today.

No consideration has been given yet to the possibility of allowing neutral nations or such nations as Italy to send observers to the conference.

The big Allies still hope that a new Polish government will be formed before April 25 and recognized so that it can be represented at San Francisco, Secretary of State Stettinius told a press conference.

## Browder Speaks Here Tonight

Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association will address a meeting at Manhattan Center, 34 St. and Eighth Ave., tonight (Friday), at 8 p.m. on the decisions of the CPA National Committee meeting held in New York over the weekend.

Title of Browder's speech will be "The Crimean Charter." Admission will be by invitation only.



UNDER CONSTANT SHELLING by the Germans, troops of Gen. Hodges' First Army advance through a street in Honnet on the east bank of the Rhine River, after crossing the Ludendorff Bridge. These troops are now closing on the strategic Frankfurt-Ruhr six-lane highway. —U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto.

## McDermott Scotches Cohen 'Vet Aid' Bill

By HARRY RAYMOND

Col. Arthur V. McDermott, New York City Selective Service Director, scotched an attempt yesterday of Bronx City Councilman Louis Cohen to make political capital out

of problems of the war veterans. He told the Council's committee on civil employees and veterans that adoption of the Cohen bill to set up a city department of veterans' affairs would lead to "duplication of effort, confusion and perhaps to some extent chaos."

McDermott explained the operation of all agencies for rehabilitation and care of ex-servicemen. He warned the councilmen that Cohen's efforts, if successful, would throw monkey wrenches into the machinery now set up to meet veterans' needs.

Cohen made it clear at the outset of a public hearing on his bill that he aimed to "take away from the Mayor any power" in dealing with discharged servicemen. The bill would set up a six-man commission to handle all veterans' problems, from vocational rehabilitation to hospital care and relief.

"This bill is not a perfect example of legislative draftsmanship," declared Col. McDermott.

He pointed out that all phases of the Cohen bill were already cared for by existing agencies—Selective Service, War Manpower Commission, Veterans Bureau, the New York City Veterans' Service Center and other bodies.

Councilman Cohen, who is generally quite impatient with critics of his activities, sat quietly in his chair as Col. McDermott delivered a stern talk on government responsibilities to war veterans.

## MEDICAL RECORDS

Asked by Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, if he endorsed a policy of employers demanding veterans' medical records before they hired them, McDermott declared:

"It's discriminatory for an employer to demand any medical record. I'm against it."

Col. McDermott said 760,000 New Yorkers had been inducted into military service and that at present 3,500 men a month are being discharged. When demobilization really begins, he said, 20,000 men will return each month to the city from the services. Plans, he added, are ready to care for these vets.

Also opposing the bill was Welfare Commissioner Harry W. Marsh. About 30 representatives of veteran organizations were in the Council chamber to testify on the Cohen measure. But McDermott shot the bill so full of holes that Majority Leader Joseph T. Sharkey urged the committee to end the hearing and discuss the matter further in executive session.

## House Body Lineup on Bretton Woods

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Treasury officials and Administration Congressmen are optimistic over the chances of the Bretton Woods legislation being reported out favorably by the House Banking and Currency Committee and of the general prospects for passage of the bill.

Only two Democrats on the committee are definitely expected to vote against the Spence bill incorporating the Bretton Woods plan; William Barry of New York, an old-time associate of America Firsters, and H. Strett Baldwin of Maryland, a somewhat cagier opponent of the United Nations concept.

## 14 VOTES

If the Democrats lose only two votes, and if Merlin Hull (Prog-Wis), casts an "aye" vote, which is not certain, that would mean 14 votes for the bill. Although they have not said they would, both Rep. Jesse Wolcott (R-Mich) and Clarence E. Kilburn, former banker of Malone, N. Y., a Republican, are expected to vote for the bill.

The eleven remaining Republican votes might produce another two for the bill, John C. Kunkel of Pennsylvania, whose voting record

## Harry White Raps Snipers at Bretton Woods

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry White gave a solemn warning to obstructionists on the House Banking Committee, who are delaying action on the Bretton Woods agreement today.

"History," said Mr. White, "will indicate the individuals, who succeed in blocking the Bretton Woods plan for international cooperation to bring prosperity and prevent wars."

Such a plan might have averted the present war, he said earlier in the day's session.

is a good deal better than average among GOP members, and D. Emmert Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania, although Brumbaugh is less of a possibility.

In the doubtful class are Henry O. Talle of Iowa, Frank L. Sundstrom of New Jersey and Howard H. Buffett of Nebraska, although Buffett, former investment and insurance businessman of Omaha, is taking the objective approach, studying both the American Bankers Association and CIO pamphlets on the proposals.

Expected "no" votes among the Republicans are Crawford, Sumner, Smith and Ralph A. Gamble of New York, who with Baldwin and Barry total six.

## PLAYING FOR TIME

But the committee die-hards are playing for time.

Fred L. Crawford (R-Mich) has announced he has 15 or 20 opposition witnesses he would like to call. Dr. Frederick C. Smith (R-Q), in the cheerless company of his own thoughts and his reference books, closeted himself in his office for ten days before the hearings, and as Treasury witnesses have testified he has daily risked a case of writer's cramps taking notes.

If Crawford, Smith and the blonde and buxom Jessie Sumner (R-Ill) can possibly do it they will have the hearings on Bretton Woods still in progress as delegates assemble at San Francisco.

## THE "RED" SIGN

Dr. Smith saw no reason why he should discuss the subject at all with the Daily Worker. "Just why do you want to?" he asked suspiciously. "Isn't it true that the

Communists are for Bretton Woods."

The reporter admitted this charge, and Dr. Smith smiled triumphantly. "And why are they?" he pursued. "And do you think this bill would make for international cooperation?"

When it was suggested to him that he was the person being interviewed, not the reporter, he drew himself up with dignity and said: "This is a special field. I am a physician. Would you expect me to tell you about my studies in the field of pathology?"

When it was pointed out that it might not be inappropriate if his studies affected the public interest and were a subject for legislation, he replied that his position on the agreements had not changed since he made speeches in Congress on them.

In one of these he declared, "Should we ever become enmeshed in this scheme, we should be fully prepared to continue—to complete exhaustion—to pour our gold into the European bottomless pit of debt."

The "scheme," he said, "was born and reared in the darkest secrecy." Witnesses have told how it was discussed for two years and was the subject of meetings attended by various groups.



## GIs on Pacific Front Ironical on Curfew Woes

HONOLULU, March 15 (UP). — Complaints against the midnight curfew in the United States drew a sarcastic reply today from the "Mid-Pacific," Army newspaper.

The reply, under a two-column head "GIs Shed Tears for Playboys—Wounded by Stateside Curfew," was written by the Mid-Pacific's editor, 33-year-old Sgt. Charles Avedon, formerly of New York and Los Angeles.

He listed a full column of quotes from the United States decrying the effect of the curfew on night-life, and then added:

"If there ever was a group deserving a serviceman's sympathy it's these poor suffering characters

whose lives have been suddenly uprooted, who have been forced to make one of the most dramatic readjustments of the decade.

"When contrasted with the carefree, unrestricted life of the average overseas GI, it sort of tugs at your heartstrings.

"It's simply peachy stuff to send to Manila, China, Europe's Eastern and Western Fronts. Guys in those spots are bound to experience a feeling of intense pity, knowing what some folks back home are enduring."

Avedon pointed out that the boys on places like Iwo Jima can't get really sympathetic, "although they'll probably try."

## Uniform Policy in Enforcement Of Curfew Held Immediate Need

By LOUISE MITCHELL

Uniform policy on curfew enforcement without discrimination is sorely needed if the government war regulation is to be carried out effectively, it became apparent yesterday.

The day before, curfew violators came before two city magistrates and one sent a speakeasy proprietor to jail for a year and fined him \$1,200 while the other criticized the midnight curfew and refused to accept a guilty plea from 17 speakeasy patrons on the grounds that the measure was just "curfew hysteria."

Magistrate Ambrose J. Haddock,

sitting in Harlem Court, sentenced Edward Dudley, who pleaded guilty to violation of section 100 of the Alcoholic Beverage Control law by illegal possession and sale of liquor. Magistrate Haddock, who imposed the severest sentence on any curfew violator to date, said he would enforce the regulation with rigor.

Magistrate Harry C. Andrews in the Jefferson Court dismissed 17 waiters who wished to plead guilty.

### UNEQUAL TREATMENT

It is indeed curious that the case of Dudley, a Negro, was settled in such a fashion and with such speed when other operators of speakeasies arrested before him are still out on

ball. Three women patrons in Dudley's speakeasy were sent to jail for two days each, in lieu of paying a fine, and were the first persons in the city to receive jail sentences for violation of the regulation.

White patrons violating the curfew have received \$5 fines in several cases. They were given the alternative of paying the fine or spending two days in jail. All accepted the fine.

Most police raids revealed that the speakeasies were hastily improvised affairs operating in apartments, basement flats and behind stores. They were brought to public attention by neighbors because of their over-noisy settings. However, experience in such matters show that while off-the-street "speaks" are more easily detected, similar outfits operating in the upper reaches of large hotels are more or less insulated from public attention.

It is rumored that violators of the law are getting around the curfew by inviting "Joe" and "Harry" and "Jim" to private parties in hotel rooms, thereby escaping detection.

## Davis Warns Of Inflation Peril

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP). — A dangerous economic squall in this country may follow defeat of Germany, William H. Davis warned today.

The new Director of Economic Stabilization called on "every understanding person with a fair share of the milk of human kindness" to be "doubly alert in this eleventh hour to guard against the tragic evils of inflation."

He outlined his views in a policy statement to the War Labor Board, Office of Price Administration and War Food Administration. As OES director, Davis has overall supervision over the three agencies.

## Bill of Rights Cited to High Court by Bridges

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP). — Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO labor leader, told the Supreme Court today he cannot be deported for "thought, speech or conduct" because these freedoms are protected by the Constitution's Bill of Rights.

He made the assertion in a brief filed in support of his appeal to escape deportation to his native Australia. Bridges, head of the CIO Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, has appealed from California Federal Court rulings denying his bid for freedom on a writ of habeas corpus.



BRIDGES

Bridges applied for the writ after he was ordered deported by Attorney General Francis Biddle in May, 1942. Biddle's order was based on a finding that Bridges belonged to the Communist Party.

Bridges denied there is evidence to show that he held membership in the Communist Party. The grounds

for deporting him, the brief said, "comprise thought, speech and conduct secured by the Bill of Rights and bear no reasonable relation to the purpose for which governmental power to deport exists."

### N. Y. NEWSPAPER GUILD ASSEMBLY BACKS BRIDGES

The Representative Assembly of the New York Newspaper Guild voted 58 to 12 Wednesday night to ask Federal authorities to drop charges against Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO leader.

Earlier, the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild also voted to ask that prosecution of Bridges be dropped. A Federated Press report that West Coast local's executive committee voted to censure Milton Murray, ANP president, for attacking Bridges, proved, however, to be incorrect. The motion lost in committee by a 6 to 5 vote.

## Joint Meat Committee Ended; Retailers Blamed

The Joint Emergency Meat Committee which helped prevent a meat "holiday" last Christmas dissolved yesterday after Councilman Michael J. Quill representing the City CIO withdrew his organization's participation from the group.

Quill pointed out at a meeting at Hotel New Yorker that retail groups which were part of the committee consisting of labor, consumer and public representatives had used the "respectability of the committee to create a bigger and better black market for themselves."

New York representatives failed to show up at the meeting though invited. Since the committee's formation the retailers had formed the New York Meat Industry Council in order to pursue their original purpose of breaking price ceilings and attacking the Office of Price Administration.

Peter J. Carroll, president of the National Meat Industry Committee of Philadelphia, present at yesterday's gathering, claimed that even with the new subsidies and livestock ceilings slaughterers and retailers could not operate under present regulations.

This was contested by Meyer Parodnick president of the Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative, who said that in talks with slaughterers at Lancaster, Pa., he was informed that wide enough profit margins exist for ceiling conformity.

In resigning as secretary, Barney Rosenstein pointed out that the main aim of the committee had been achieved: increased subsidies and livestock ceilings. He pointed out however that a more efficient distribution system was needed to fight the black marketeers.

Quill said that consumer and labor groups would continue to fight against violations and for a strict policy of enforcement.

The group agreed in general that the price situation in meat had not improved despite ceilings on livestock.

"Relief has not come, because of the destructive attitude of certain industry groups," said Quill, "We will no longer serve as their smoke-screen."

### EPSTEIN TO SPEAK

Henry Epstein, former New York State Solicitor-General, will speak on "Co-op" Meat Purchasing by Butchers, at the monthly of the New York City Consumer Council next Monday, at the Women's Trade Union League, 247 Lexington Ave.

Epstein, who was chairman of the Joint Emergency Meat Committee before it dissolved, is the counsel for the United Bronx Butchers Co-op, now being sued by OPA for \$510,660 treble damages for violating ceiling prices.

## Assembly Bills Would Chisel Jobless Aid

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, March 15.—A series of bills amending the Unemployment Insurance Law so as to make it tougher for workers to collect benefits were given their second reading in the Assembly today, and advanced for final action next week.

Three bills introduced by Assemblyman Fred A. Washburn, Columbia County Republican, who heads the Assembly Labor and Industries Committee, tighten up on definitions of seasonal employees, of "fraudulent concealment of facts," and of "misconduct, voluntary separation and refusal of employment."

Seasonal workers and those who commit the acts enumerated are now barred from receiving benefits.

### REBATE BILL

The Assembly also advanced the Falk-Gugino unemployment insurance rebate and liberalization bill, with the understanding that it would be debated next week together with the Young-Demo merit-rating bill. The former, which rebates to employers part of their contributions when the Unemployment Insurance Fund reaches a certain level and which liberalizes payments to workers, has the approval of the labor movement. The Young-Demo bill, which cuts employer contributions on the basis of employment stability, has been sharply condemned by labor.

There is some rumor that the legislature will permit both bills to pass and leave it up to the Governor to decide which he will sign.

It was learned today that the Daily Worker was in error yesterday in reporting that Assemblyman MacNeill Mitchell, Manhattan Republican, had introduced a measure for allocating \$75,000,000 of additional funds for public housing. His bill merely authorizes the state controller to issue \$75,000,000 worth of bonds to make good on past allocations not yet used because of war conditions.

### News Capsules

## Merchant Seamen Honored

BOATSWAIN ALBERTO GALZA of Baltimore has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and 244 merchant seamen received Mariner's Medals during February, the War Shipping Administration announced yesterday. When the SS Delisle was torpedoed in the spring of 1942, the one-legged third mate was seriously injured while standing bridge watch. Galza was at the wheel and, though severely cut about the head and shoulders, carried the helpless third mate over the decks and lowered him into a lifeboat. Eighteen months later the same vessel was again torpedoed. The master, another one-legged veteran, was blown from the bridge to the foredeck and was pinned down by a cargo boom. Galza cut the captain free from the artificial leg and lowered him into a waiting raft. Fourteen injured New York seamen received the award personally, while 61 received it posthumously.

A new coast-to-coast television and broadcasting network emerged yesterday from the planning-

board stage. The RAYTHEON MANUFACTURING CO. announced it had applied to the FCC for permission to build experimental stations on nine Western mountain peaks for television and super-high frequency broadcasting purposes. . . . J. P. SPARKS, 23, convalescent Navy radioman, insisted yesterday he had devised a perpetual-motion machine out of magnets from a Model T Ford.

It took the SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE slightly more than one minute yesterday to approve an increase in the national debt limit to \$300,000,000,000 from the present \$260,000,000,000. . . . The SENATE WAR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE will make a complete report on the nation's food supply and distribution "in a couple of months."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday proclaimed May 20 as "I Am An American Day" for recognition of those who became American citizens in the past year either through naturalization or coming of age.

## Cacchione Says Gideonse Neglects Duties; Asks City to Step In

Brooklyn Councilman Peter V. Cacchione yesterday blamed Brooklyn College president Harry D. Gideonse for the current baseball scandal, and declared it "high time that the proper city authorities take steps to set things in proper order."

Dr. Gideonse's salary is paid by this city's taxpayers, said the Councilman, "and he should devote the major portion of his time to the problems of Brooklyn College." Instead, he said, Gideonse "seems to devote most of his time to running around the country making speeches advancing the interests of groups whose position and attitude to our war effort is questionable."

Had Gideonse paid proper attention to the school, said Cacchione, "it is inconceivable that such a situation could have come into existence."

Meanwhile, Brooklyn College authorities yester-

day acted on Commissioner of Investigation Edward Bromberger's recommendation that they "insist upon a reversal of the results of all inter-collegiate basketball games wherein it was the winner during such seasons" that Pearlstein played with the team.

In a letter prepared by the school's Dr. Harry W. Scott and Prof. Benjamin X. Coonfield, the college expressed "deep regrets over the occurrence" and will ask for score reversals of all their winning games. The letter, when approved by Dr. Gideonse, will be sent to all the schools which lost basketball games to Brooklyn College during the '44-'45 season.

Larry Pearlstein, the non-student varsity hoopster, was privately grilled by Brooklyn Assistant District Attorney Nathan Cohen yesterday, and the player will be questioned today at the Kings County inquiry before Judge Samuel Leibowitz.



# Movie Strike Undermines Morale

## An Editorial

The strike of Hollywood's film industry workers cannot but arouse general public resentment against those who are responsible. The walkout cannot be justified by any stretch of the imagination.

Labor's no-strike pledge is violated. The war effort is affected, since the industry has a considerable part in it. The further fact that threats of spreading the strike vibrate in every town with a movie house is bound to be demoralizing.

The given cause for the strike

makes one wonder if the men responsible have seriously thought of its effect upon the public mind. This is not a "wildcat" affair. Neither wages nor working conditions is the issue. The question is, who is to be collective bargaining agent for 78 set dressers? Already 19,000 workers are idle.

Richard Walsh, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, and Herbert Sorrell, president of the Conference of Studio Unions, the leaders of the disputing unions, have often expressed an unequivocal

no-strike pledge, loyalty to the war effort, and other progressive sentiments. But it is precisely because of their constructive expressions that their responsibility in the strike is most serious.

There has never been any justification of jurisdictional disputes. Unions could settle such disputes through conciliation and direct conferences. But to have them now, when thousands are dying on the battlefields, is doing irreparable harm to the country, the union involved directly and the labor movement as a whole.

# Fay, Bove May Get Up to 15 Years

Convicted on charges of conspiracy and extortion, Joseph S. Fay and James Bove, AFL leaders, face possible jail terms of from seven and a half year to 15 years.

A jury of 11 men and a woman deliberated from 11:15 a.m. to 2:38 a.m. yesterday before rendering its verdict to Supreme Court Justice William Munson of Orleans County who had heard the case in criminal term of New York Supreme Court. Justice Munson remanded the pair to jail for sentence April 6.

Fay, vice-president of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and Bove, formerly vice-president of the Hod Carriers, Building & Common Laborers and still secretary - treasurer of the union's Yonkers, N. Y., Local 60, were found guilty of one of six extortion counts in connection with construction of the Delaware water project from 1937 to 1942.

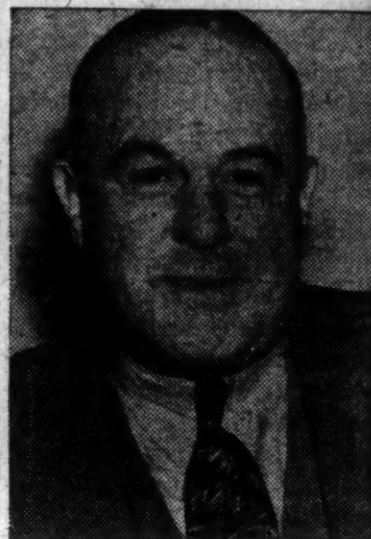
The one count of extortion on which they were convicted covered the payment of \$62,000 made by the Walsh Construction Co. to Fay and Bove between Feb. 1, 1939 and May 7, 1942.

The charge was that the two laborites extorted the money as the price of labor peace on the construction job and under threat that, failing payment, there would be labor trouble.

Fighting to avoid conviction, Fay and Bove sought to convince the jury that though they took the money it wasn't under threat but rather as a bribe to betray the interests of brother union members and to break strikes that might be called by their affiliates.

Hyman Glickstein, counsel for Sandhogs Local 147 of Bove's international, whose strikes were broken by Fay and Bove, and for rank and filers in other locals of the Hod Carriers, commented:

"The verdict is a vindication of the long fight carried on by rank and file union members for clean, honest, democratic organization."



JOSEPH FAY

## Foster to Speak At Boruchowitz Memorial

William Z. Foster, vice-president of the Communist Political Association, will be the main speaker at a meeting in commemoration of Joseph Boruchowitz, at Manhattan Center, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Boruchowitz was one of the most popular leaders of the rank and file movement within the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Other speakers will include members of the ILGWU who have been long associated with Boruchowitz.

Save every scrap of paper—old newspapers, magazines, wrapping paper, cardboard, everything that's paper. Every bit of it is needed to help win the war.

# World Parley Welcomed AFL Observer--Ward

A hope that the American Federation of Labor would still come through with representation at the Paris constitutional conference for the formation of a new world labor international next September, was voiced Wednesday night by Courtney Ward, who just returned from the London World Trade Union conference.

Ward, president of the Ohio Council of Painters, represented his Cleveland district council at London as an observer. He addressed an informal dinner reception of some 100 New York AFL union officials, at Cornish Arms Hotel, arranged by Louis Weinstein, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council 9.

Among those present were officials of the Building Trades, Council, Hotel and restaurant, painters, musicians and other unions.

"I am sorry," said Ward, "that more AFL observers were not there

## Coal Area CIO Council Asks U.S. Seize Mines

NORTHAMPTON, Pa.—The CIO Council here, which includes Bethlehem Steel and other CIO workers, has condemned John L. Lewis' strike threat and asked the government to seize the mines to prevent a stoppage.

to see that the Russian delegates were there not to dominate but to see that the Russian delegates national of labor. They are as free as any unions I know,"

The AFL was "missed" at Lon-



COURTNEY WARD

don, said Ward. But he added that the very presence of an observer from an AFL affiliate roused much interest and quite a stir in the British press and labor ranks.

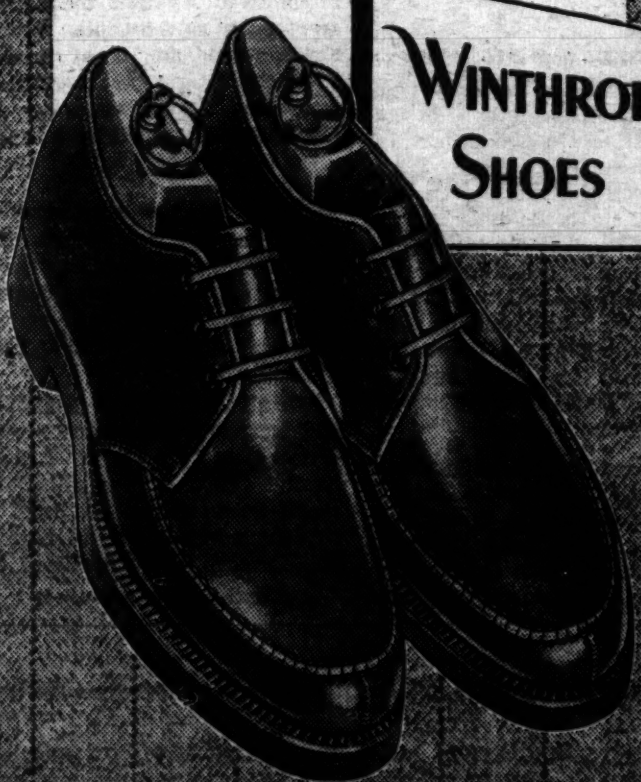
Ward went into considerable detail to bring to his listeners a picture of devastation and life in war-stricken Britain today.

"The whole thing has only served to convince me that the only way in which we can shoulder our responsibility to ourselves and the rest of the world is to participate in all such meeting and do our part in ensuring a world of peace and common sense in the days to come."

An AFL member for 21 years 12 of them an official, Ward showed obvious interest in doing more than letting a report on the London congress rest. He expects that after he reports to his own members at Cleveland further steps would be taken to bring the facts to the AFL membership generally.

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## Second Guessing on Vandenberg

SECOND guessing on the position of Sen. Vandenberg has become a popular pastime. After a brief but enthusiastic sojourn on the Vandenberg bandwagon, liberal newspapers like PM and the New York Post became disillusioned with their new-found hero. Now Walter Lippmann joins the ranks of the penitents.

Lippmann was not so long ago in the forefront of the almost universal hosanna singers for one phase of Vandenberg's proposal: that the United States join with Great Britain and the Soviet Union to keep Germany disarmed.

But Lippmann and many other profound commentators ignored completely the anti-Soviet undertones in everything Vandenberg had to say, his attempt to place our participation in a world security organization on a bargaining basis, to make present agreements temporary and conditional and thus to make cooperation with our allies also conditional.

Indeed, Lippmann even went so far as to hail Vandenberg for breaking the "vicious circle" of American foreign policy by making possible an immediate solution of political problems instead of postponing their solution until after the war.

This, of course, was precisely the opposite of what Vandenberg was driving at. And this was belatedly acknowledged yesterday by Lippmann. Now Lippmann says that if Vandenberg's advice were followed and the security organization were permitted to review political decisions it would lead to "grave misunderstanding" and "endless confusion."

The difficulty with all the first guessing was very simple. Lippmann and the liberal editorial writers looked at the surface of what Vandenberg was saying. They did not analyze the meaning of his proposal and its relationship to American and international politics.

While we don't often crow, it is not inappropriate to point out that the Daily Worker was the only newspaper to criticize Vandenberg from the start. This was because we were not bewitched by his glittering phrases and his appealing rhetoric. As Marxists, we tried to look beneath the surface.

## A Notable Stand for Unity

WHEN the Army's experience led it to rule that Communists and alleged Communists would be eligible for officers' commissions, we applauded that act as a mighty help to the nation's unity. No less so is the statement just issued by several hundred leading citizens of the nation warmly backing up the Army's decision.

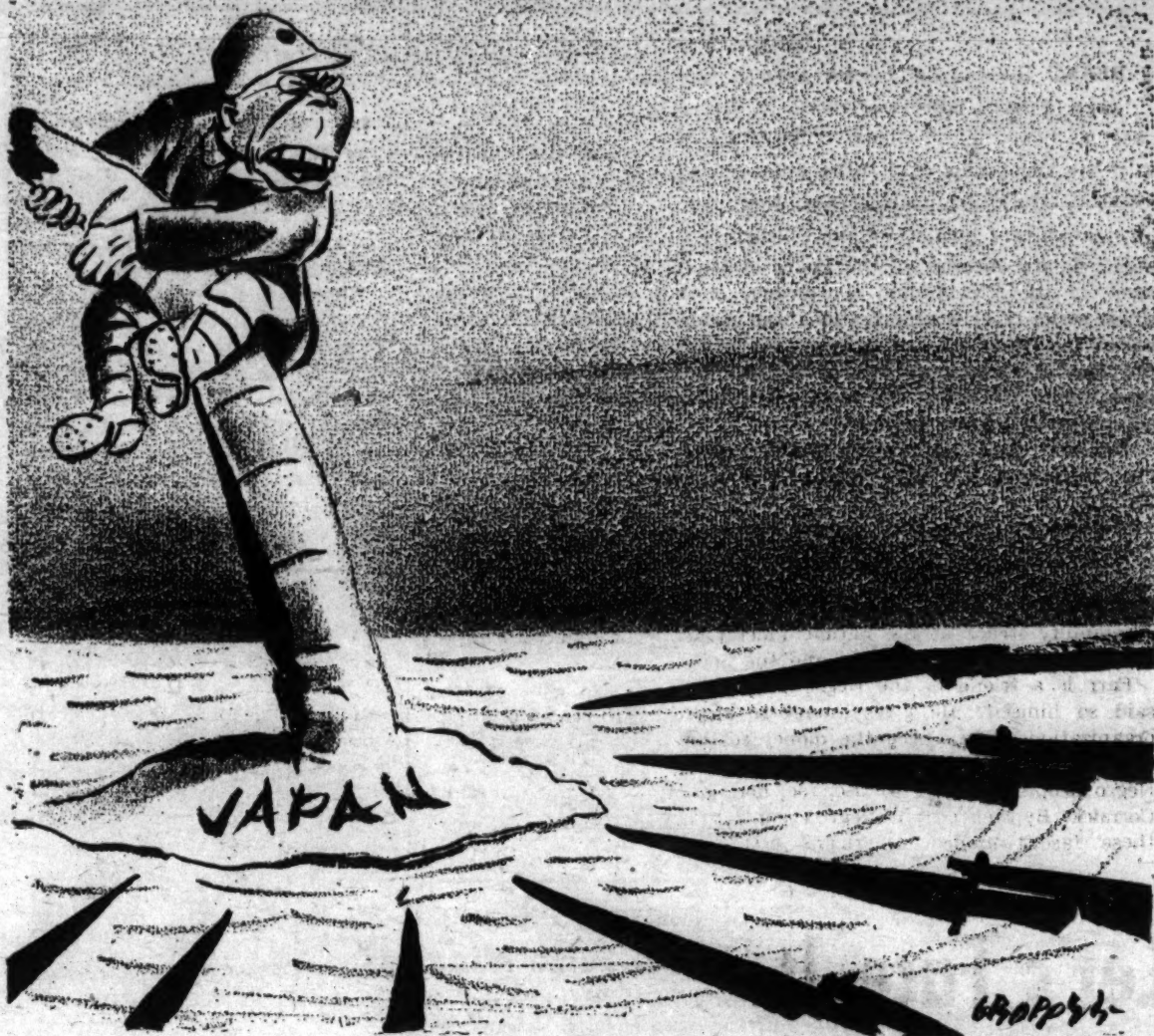
That statement, released through the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, registers the rising realization among Americans of the tremendous helpfulness of the Communists in the war and to the nation's welfare.

Such men in public life as Lloyd Garrison of the National War Labor Board, Mayor Cornelius Scully of Pittsburgh and Dr. Frank Graham are on the list. So, too, are such outstanding churchmen as Bishop Henry W. Hobson of the Cincinnati diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Bishop David Henry Sims of the Philadelphia diocese of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Nationally-known labor leaders like Edward Flore, president of the large AFL affiliate, the Hotel and Restaurant Workers International Union, and Julius Emspack, secretary-treasurer of the CIO's third largest union, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, are among those who joined in the declaration.

Our country has hitherto lagged behind many other lands in appreciation of the place of the Communists in the camp of democracy and unity. Some people here have even lauded the Communists in other countries, only to indulge in petty sniping at the Communists in America. This citizens' statement will be a big step into the right road on this matter, not only on behalf of the Communists but for all America. It gives promise that the nation will be enlisted fully for the prosecution of the war and the achievement of all the Crimea accord's objectives.

It's disturbing to observe that none of the big daily newspapers printed one line of this statement. Not only were the conservative papers guilty of this suppression. Journals which make a big noise about not letting people be pushed around, like the newspaper PM, likewise hid this declaration from the people. It's up to every American patriot to see that the people know about the statement and to spread its spirit into every nook and cranny of our country.

## LENGTHENING SHADOWS



— To Tell the Truth —

## PERUSHIM

by Robert Minor

"Wee unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."

—St. Mark: XXIII, 27.

OF COURSE this is about Norman Thomas.

Take Thomas at his brightest, as he shapes, though does not formally edit, a little weekly paper in New York. This, the smallest organ of the pro-Hitler soft peace movement in the United States, displayed on its first page two quotations intended to indicate a "parallel" in history between the betrayal of Czechoslovakia in 1938 and the settlement of the Polish frontiers at the Yalta Conference in 1945. The two sets of quotations are, first:

1. "Neville Chamberlain, Oct. 6, 1938: 'When we were convinced that nothing any longer could keep Sudetenland within Czechoslovakia, we urged the Czech government to agree to cession of the territories and the frontier. . . . To accuse us as having by that advice betrayed Czechoslovakia is, simply preposterous. What we did was to save her from annihilation, to give her a chance for a new life as a new state which, even if it involved loss of territory and fortifications, would perhaps enable her in the future to enjoy her national existence in a national security comparable to that which we see in Switzerland today.'"

2. "Oct. 4, 1938: 'It is my hope and belief that under the new system of guarantees the new Czechoslovakia will find a greater security than it has enjoyed hitherto. I believe there is sincerity and good will on both sides. That is why the significance (of the Hitler-Chamberlain Munich pact) goes far beyond the actual words.'"

And second—the so-called "deadly parallel."

2. "Winston Churchill, Feb. 28, 1945: 'The House is well aware from the speeches I have made to them: that the freedom, independence, integrity and sovereign-

ty of Poland have always seemed to his majesty's government more important than the actual frontiers. In supporting the Russian claim for the Curzon line I repudiate and repulse any suggestion that we are making a questionable compromise or yielding to force or fear, and I assert with the utmost conviction the broad justice of the policy upon which, for the first time, all the three great Allies have now taken their stand. . . . Thus it seems to me that this talk of cutting half of Poland off is very misleading. . . ."

"Feb. 28, 1945: 'The impression that I brought back from the Crimea and from all my other contacts is that Marshal Stalin and the other Soviet leaders wish to live in honorable friendship and democracy with the Western democracies. I also feel that no government stands more to its obligations than the Russian Soviet government.'"

WE SEIZE upon this as an example of the cleverest type of lying that is being done in the United States to the benefit of the German government. It is clever precisely because on the surface there is no lying at all. It is that kind of deception that is worked, not by direct misstatements but by forming a catch-basin for already existing lies. Thomas works in the lee of lies already told. It is the intellectually dishonest way of the coward in journalism.

The lie is completed by omitting to say that 80 percent of the inhabitants of White Russia and West Ukraine, the two Soviet Russian regions seized by military violence, of a fascist Poland, in

1920, are Jews, White Russians and Ukrainians, in all respect peoples of Russia, and that less than one-fifth are of Polish blood and speech, that White Russia and West Ukraine, originally parts of Soviet Russia, were reclaimed by the Red Army, not from Poland, but from the advancing German armies in 1939—incidentally saving a million Jews from the Germans—and that these peoples have by overwhelming majority voted confirmation of their permanent inclusion in Soviet Russia.

What Thomas wants is not self-determination, but the denial of self-determination. And why? Simply because such a course favors the Hitler government. Pharisee Thomas has often shown that he prefers the murder regime of Hitler, the violently anti-Semitic medieval slavery of Nazism—to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. His paper attempts to say that the agreement made by the United States, Soviet Russia and Great Britain at Yalta is, in respect to Poland, equivalent to the surrender of Czechoslovakia to Hitler in 1938.

WHAT did the sanctimonious hypocrite say about the Munich treaty at the time Chamberlain said what is quoted above? Here it is. In the issue of his paper, The Call, of Oct. 1, 1938, Thomas wrote:

"We all share the mingled hopes and fears and shame and bewilderment of the hour. I had hardly thought Chamberlain would go to Hitler—in itself, I thought, a wise and brave move—only for such capitulation as took

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## Worth Repeating

SERGEI EISENSTEIN, noted Soviet motion picture director, receives praise in the current (March 12) Life magazine, which reports in somewhat casual fashion the coming Soviet film on Ivan the Terrible, but does say: Eisenstein, who combines the qualities of Hitchcock, Billy Rose, Orson Welles, Noel Coward and Cecil B. DeMille, is one of the most versatile geniuses of the art of making movies. His three greatest earlier pictures were Potemkin, Ten Days That Shook the World, and Alexander Nevsky. Late in 1940 Eisenstein read a book about Ivan. He at once began consulting historians, gathering books and manuscripts about Ivan. In January 1941 he began writing a script. After war broke out his studio moved from Moscow to Alma-Ata in Central Asia. There he revised his script, designed sets and costumes, gathered his cast and eventually, in an old theater with the stage and pit redesigned as a studio, he began shooting.



# Landlord's Greed Defends Segregation

CHICAGO.

by William Patterson

I HEARD the voice of fascism here in Chicago. First it billed and cooed. It was as sweet as honey in November. Then it struck with the viciousness of a Hitler killer on the loose. It struck at our democracy. Newton C. Farr, prominent member of the Chicago Real Estate Board, member of the Board of Managers of the YMCA, and conspicuous on a whole series of civic organizations was speaking at the City Club on restrictive covenants. Mr. Farr is for restrictive covenants for Negroes, Jews, children, and dogs. Restrictive covenants afford "protection."

This matter has significance far beyond this city. Today, in the last stages of this great war for the strengthening and expansion of world democracy, the advocate of the ghetto, of segregation, of restrictive covenants, becomes the preacher of a new philosophy for America. Newton C. Farr, pillar of civic respectability struck at the nation under guise of protecting private property and the home.

Farr is a friend of the Negro people. He said so himself. He gives money to Negro organizations. They need the money so they accept. Hamilton Fish is a friend of the Negro people. He says so. So, too, does McCormick. By their gifts to Negro organizations these fascist-minded Americans create an

atmosphere of piety, sympathy, and understanding that deceives some Negro leaders. Thus they are placed in the category of "good white people." The question—the only question of importance—is not asked: Are they good Americans?

It is the heritage of American freedom and equality of opportunity that men die today to safeguard. Newton C. Farr favors segregation by restrictive covenants because "Negroes as a group do not make good neighbors." Besides, "they like to live together" and then you know "while we accept President Roosevelt's plea for equality of freedom and equality of opportunity for Americans intellectually, there are emotional obstacles to it that people cannot overcome."

FARR'S program aids the polltaxer of the South, those who advocate the Century of American imperialism, those who hate the Atlantic Charter, Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks. Most of all, it aids those who hate the Crimean Conference decisions.

Farr's restrictive covenants and its prison ghetto aids those who seek to break the pledge of united labor not to strike. It strikes viciously at our program for 60,000,000 jobs and the Economic Bill of Rights.

## Let's Face It

THERE is a vast difference between the current session of the State Legislature, now drawing to a close, and the one last year.

While in 1944, the session produced nothing of significance, this year the people have already chalked up some outstanding victories along lines charted by labor and other progressive circles during the past several years. To mention only a few, there is the permanent FEPC, initiation of a health insurance measure, liberalization of unemployment insurance, expanded state aid to education, initiation of a sweeping investigation into food prices and distribution, imposition of commercial rent ceilings, etc.



Why the difference between the two sessions? Last year, Gov. Dewey was aiming at the GOP presidential nomination. He had to win the approval of the reactionary groups that controlled, and still control, that party nationally. He accommodated himself easily to their policies.

This time, however, his political fortunes require that he face an utterly different kind of jury, the people of the State of New York.

THE way for these advances was prepared, of course, by the persistent hammering of progressive forces over the years. This year, the Democratic Party, the ALP, the CIO, the

by Max Gordon

Communist Political Association and various groups in specialized fields acted as a prod to the Republican leadership.

Moreover, because the GOP was sharply divided on many points, progress was possible only because of the solid ranks of the Democratic and ALP legislators, who never wavered on a single progressive measure. If these ranks had not held, not only would some of those measures have been defeated, but reactionary legislation sponsored by individual Republicans would have slipped through.

It is interesting to note the changes in the GOP lineup as a result of the opportunist shift in the Dewey position.

To begin with, there are about four distinct currents to be observed in GOP legislative ranks. First, some Republicans from New York City, but by no means all, frequently split with their party to vote with the Democrats for progressive measures.

A second group, typified by Assembly Majority Leader Irving M. Ives and Assembly Speaker Oswald D. Heck, has recognized the temper of the people of the state and adjusted its thinking and actions accordingly.

Third, a larger group, represented by men like Senate Majority Leader Benjamin Feinberg, is basically reactionary in its thinking but has been compelled to accommodate itself to particular progressive measures because of political expediency and the dictation of Dewey.

Finally, there is a substantial group of

Negro America rejects the friendship of the Farris. Our course is not determined by our hatred of the ghetto alone. True, the ghetto breeds juvenile delinquency and increases adult criminality. It breeds diseases, promotes racketeering, puts a premium on slums with their accompanying rats, roaches, and vermin. But beyond that it strikes a death-blow at everything for which America stands.

THAT is why we Negroes hate them so. We love our country. We scorn and spit upon its enemies. Foes of national unity—the Farris—become a source of great support to fascism. He would "safeguard the community." Does America need to be "safeguarded" from a people who have given more than 300 years of sweat and blood and toll to its upbuilding? Are men whose history is one of loyalty to country and democracy and freedom the ones who are to be penalized today because of color? God forbid!

Vigilance against the Farris is needed. They have penetrated the school, the church, the press, the radio, the theater, and the movie. Oust them from their shelters in our institutions of culture. Make them expose themselves by the vigor of your attack upon reaction and its program. Don't let them rest for a moment. Let the trade unions and the forces of national unity lead the fight.

## The New Spirit In Albany Politics

die-hard reactionaries like Sen. Frederic Bontecour and Assemblyman William Stuart, who led the fight against FEPC, and Wilson Van Duzer, who hails from Ham Fish's county and is the ex-Congressman's protege.

LAST year Dewey clashed chiefly with the Ives-Heck group, which resented and resisted his jeopardizing GOP power in the state in order to play the game of national reaction. This year, Dewey's intra-party opposition has chiefly come from the die-hards, who refuse to reconcile themselves to his new-found "liberalism," even for the sake of expediency.

Not that all is harmonious between Dewey and his Assembly leaders. It still has to be explained, for instance, why Ives suddenly threw a health insurance measure into the legislative hopper after Dewey had specifically asked that his commission studying the question be continued for another year and the Legislature had acceded to that request. The Ives measure, incidentally, is not one that would meet with the approval of the hide-bound American Medical Association, and Dewey has made such approval a condition for any measure acceptable to him. Moreover, Ives has been sensitive to the strong pressure from labor for action on the problem this year.

Evidently, Dewey was not moving fast or far enough for Ives, who is apparently making a bid for the Wagner mantle, at least in the field of social welfare.

## State Legislation For Medical Services

in all kinds of state legislatures, plus bills introduced in Congress, a few definitions may not be amiss.

**Health insurance**—contributions to a common pool to provide medical services.

**Cash indemnity insurance**—contributions to a common pool to provide cash to pay the doctor.

**Compulsory insurance**—everyone specified by legislation as eligible must contribute.

**Voluntary insurance**—anyone who wishes may belong.

**Hospitalization insurance**—contributions to a common pool from which the hospital is paid directly for services rendered.

**Sick benefit insurance**—contributions to a common pool to provide cash when income stops due to illness.

**Disability insurance**—same as sick benefit insurance.

**Permanent disability insurance**—cash paid to workers due to injury or sickness which does not allow for return to work at any time.

**Compensation**—medical care and/or sick benefits provided for workers injured or falling sick due to causes growing out of conditions of work.

These definitions will allow the reader to pick his way through the mazes and pitfalls of health legislation. For how can anyone decide what legislation he favors until he knows what it is? In this field, complicated by a host of problems, "let the buyer beware." You're going to pay for it. Get what you need.

by Celia Langer

Now what is the new wrinkle to which we refer? California and New York have pending bills to provide medical care. In four states, Colorado, New Hampshire, Minnesota and Montana legislation is pending to provide disability insurance. This is a development all to the good, except when it gets dressed up and presented to the public as a "sickness insurance plan."

TO ILLUSTRATE what we mean—the February 1945 issue of a magazine called "Public Health Economics" (available from the School of Public Health, University of Michigan) carries three statements on Page 4, which unwittingly reflect this confusion:

"Health Insurance—Proposed New Hampshire Sickness Insurance Plan Backed by Labor."

"Workers Sickness Compensation Bill to Be Introduced to Minnesota Legislature."

"Montana Governor Urges Sick Benefit Insurance."

To the casual reader such terminology sounds like health insurance, the thing he's hoping for, and wondering when he'll get it.

To juggle these words around so that they have one meaning for the expert, and another for the average worker is to confuse the issue in everybody's mind.

AS WE seem to be for an era of national experimentation with all kinds of bills

## Bill of Health

A NEW wrinkle in the fight for medical care is developing in the country. California has before its state legislature three bills for compulsory health insurance, one sponsored by the CIO, another by Gov. Warren and the third, sponsorship unknown to this column.

New York also has three bills now pending in the state legislature, all offered for purposes of discussion, one introduced by Mr. Hulan Jack, a similar bill introduced by Mr. Austin and a third, recently introduced by Mr. Ives.



All six bills have one principle in common. They all provide for compulsory enrollment to provide medical services.

Any system of compulsory health insurance recognizes two problems for the worker who is sick. One, is the need for medical care, and the other, loss of income. The Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill provided for both. It provided for medical services and disability insurance. There is no argument in the mind of the worker that both are necessary. He needs a doctor's care, and sufficient cash to keep the household running when his income has stopped.

Insurance companies, interested in developing methods for securing new subscribers sell both. They sell sickness insurance to provide cash to pay the doctor, and they also sell disability insurance to provide cash to pay the bills when regular income stops.

## Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

### 'Fanatical' And Its Meaning

Brooklyn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

When a newscaster or reporter speaks of the "fanatical resistance" of the Nazis or Japanese, we all understand that they are resisting with extreme fierceness. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines a fanatic as "a person affected by excessive enthusiasm, especially on religious matters." The adjective is defined: "governed or produced by too great zeal; excessively enthusiastic, especially on religious subjects." That is, "fanatical resistance" is resistance that is fiercer than it has any right to be in view of the cause that provokes it.

At least, that is what the phrase ought to mean, but when it is used to characterize enemy behavior, doesn't it always suggest that the enemy is fighting with more fierceness than our side ever fights with? And, if so, doesn't the phrase clearly imply that men always fight harder for bad causes than they do for good ones. PERRY NOBLE.

### Alert Dress Shop Workers Protest

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The workers of the Alert Dress Shop have sent the following statement to Mr. Julius Hochman, General Manager of the Joint Board of the Dressmakers' Union:

"We, the workers of the Alert Dress Shop, at 344 W. 38 St., N. Y., have willing and unobjectionably contributed a day's pay toward the Allied War Relief agencies. A total sum of \$500 has been collected and turned over to our union for distribution.

"However, the following undersigned vigorously object that any part of this money be given to the Matthew Woll and the Jewish Labor Committees. Since these two organizations are notorious for their splitting tactics among organized labor; a policy that is detrimental to the unity of the nation, which is so essential to the winning of the war. It further means disrupting the very purpose for which this money is being contributed."

FANNY FOX.

### Raps Pegler

Sioux Falls, S. D.

Editor, Daily Worker:

An item appeared in the Argus Leader of this city on March 2 which said that the columnist Pegler threatened to let it be known where President Roosevelt was on his next trip to Hyde Park. It looks to me as if Pegler was offering assistance to Hitler, to injure the President. Can't something be done about this? ORVILLE ANDERSON.

### Keep at It!

Highland Park, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Have every copy of your paper saved, since it became a tabloid and only wish I could do something for it.

Editors, I cannot count you all, nor name you all, but I rejoice in your united ability and strength to cope with the Western Hemisphere Nazis of which there are still too many. Keep at it. J. and A. L.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.



# Expect Big Democratic Gains In Finnish National Elections

Big gains for the democratic forces who favor friendly relations with the Soviet Union, are expected in Finland's national elections tomorrow and Sunday. This is the opinion of Labor Minister Eero A. Vuori, left-wing Social-Democrat and head of the Finnish Trade Union Federation.

A new coalition, the Democratic Union of Finnish Peoples, is in the field to challenge the older parties—Social Democrat, Agrarian, Swedish People—which are heavily compromised by having supported the two Finnish wars against the Soviet Union.

According to the Soviet Communist daily, Pravda, the new coalition comprises the Communist and Small Farmers' Parties, the Social Democratic Opposition, a group of prominent intellectuals, and the "Group of Six," which was formed by former Diet (parliament) members before the armistice for their anti-Nazi struggle.

Pravda also reported that the

## Democratic Parties Sweep Smallest Republic

ROME, March 15 (UP).—The popular front in San Marino, the world's tiniest republic, scored a sweeping victory in elections held yesterday.

The Communists and Socialists each won 18 seats and the Republican Democrats four, out of a total of 60 seats in the parliament. The remaining 20 seats went to right wingers. San Marino is situated in the mountains of central Italy, near Florence.

Communist Party, since its legalization five months ago, has grown until it now ranks second among all Finnish political parties.

The Social Democratic Party, still the largest single party in Finland, is controlled by Vaino Tanner, who never repudiated his collaboration with the Nazis. The party is split between those who still back Tanner and many, like Vuori, who support Social Democrats expelled because they favored participation in the Democratic Union of Finnish Peoples.

Pravda charged that the Tannerites have given refuge to former functionaries of the outlawed fas-

cist Schutzcorps and Brothers in Arms Society.

The Agrarian Party is the traditional representatives of the big Finnish landlords who tied up with Hitler. The Swedish Peoples Party represents a similar upper class stratum in the sizeable Finnish communities which have run much of Finland's economy since the 10th century Swedish conquest.

The new coalition is running on a platform including friendship with the Soviet Union, trial of war criminals and their exclusion from political activity, purge of the state administration and reorganization of the political police.

# Dominican Exiles in Cuba Unite To Spread Fight on Trujillo Terror

By MAXINE LEVI

Dominican exiles are uniting to overthrow the bloody dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo, Juan M. Diaz told the Daily Worker yesterday, upon his return from the constituent convention of the Dominican United Liberation Front in Havana.

Diaz who came to the United States more than 20 years ago, has been active in anti-Trujillo movements here since the dictator seized power in 1930.

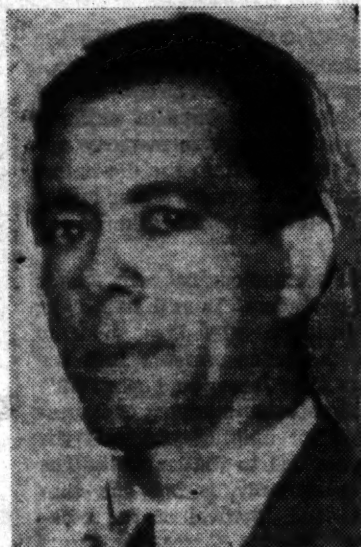
The conference in Cuba was a big event was heralded by the press, supported by prominent Cuban senators and representatives, Diaz said.

It marked a new stage in the anti-fascist struggle of exiled Dominicans, formerly divided—in the Dominican Revolutionary Party, the Dominican Patriotic Union in Puerto Rico, the Independent Federation for Dominican Liberation in Venezuela.

"The new organization," Diaz explained, "will help people to understand just how bad conditions are in the Dominican Republic."

Asked whether Trujillo's fascism is directly tied in with the Axis, Diaz smiled bitterly.

"We've got plenty of evidence through 1941," he said. "Trujillo refueled Nazi submarines, organized a fifth column so-called Do-



JUAN M. DIAZ

minico-German Institute of Scientific Research and sheltered Nazi agents.

"Nowadays, Dominican fascists go easy on their German tieups. They pretend great love for the Allied cause. But the Spanish Falange has tremendous power within Trujillo's setup."

A committee of 25 Cuban senators and representatives was formed recently to fight for Dominican democracy, he disclosed and Cuban dockworkers resolved to boycott Dominican shipments.

The Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL) decided at

its Call meeting last December to fight for democracy in the Dominican Republic.

## Penicillin Control Is Lifted by WPB

CHICAGO, March 15.—Control over distribution of penicillin for civilian use was relinquished by the War Production Board yesterday, permitting manufacturers to distribute the wonder drug through normal trade channels.

Between March 15 and March 30, the WPB intends to make available for civilian use 1,280,000 vials of the drug.

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## FOREIGN BRIEFS

# DeGaulle, Assembly Disagree

Gen. Charles DE GAULLE rejected a demand by leaders of the French National Assembly for some control over Cabinet Ministers. He said he had no intention of accepting any direct responsibility to the Assembly and that he could not agree to drop a Minister at the Assembly's request. . . . BELGIAN court martials stepped up the punishment of traitors and collaborators, sentencing seven more to death.

The weekend conference in Mexico against Fascist terror in SPAIN warned that Franco is stepping up executions of members of the resistance movement to more than 100 daily. The conference, organized by the Federation of Organizations to Aid Spanish Republicans (FOARE), urged that immediate protests be sent to Spanish embassies and consulates. . . . President Juan Jose Arevalo, taking office in GUATEMALA, pledged to defend the new democratic constitution which establishes freedom of press, assembly, women's suffrage and protection for workers. . . . Nomination of BRAZILIAN War Minister Eurico Gaspar Dutra, President Getulio Vargas' right hand man, to oppose democratic Brig. Gen. Eduardo Gomes in coming presidential elections is regarded as an effort to split the army vote and confuse the issue.

Return of northern TRANSYLVANIA to Romania was hailed in its capital, Cluj, Romanians and Hungarians who expressed gratitude to Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin and Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs Andrei Vishinsky. Romanian Premier Petru Groza, King Michael and Vishinsky attended the gala celebration. . . . Further disintegration in the Polish government-in-

exile: Jan KWAPINSKI, former chairman of the Socialist Party, is said to have offered his resignation as Minister of Commerce; Gen. Anders, exile commander-in-chief, ousted three generals. . . . But the exiles protested to the U. S., Britain and China (not the Soviet Union) against their exclusion from the San Francisco United Nations Security Conference. . . . The Soviet navy newspaper, Red Fleet, said that Gen. Draza MIKHAILOVITCH, Yugoslav war criminal, is in Rome.

DANISH saboteurs fired three oil tanks in Nykoebing, on an island south of Copenhagen, destroying 132,087 gallons of fuel oil, 1,320 gallons of gasoline. . . . More than 1,000 liberated American prisoners of war have arrived in the MIDDLE EAST from the Soviet Union. Others are awaiting transportation in modern Soviet rest homes. . . . Tass, Soviet news agency, denied that the Soviet Government and the VATICAN are negotiating for an accord. The Vatican issued a similar denial Sunday when Ed Flynn arrived in Rome.

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### Tonight Manhattan

"WHAT PLACE FOR COMMUNISTS in the New Democracies"—Harold Collins will review Harrison Forman's "Report from Red China" and Lin Yutang's "Vigil of a Nation" and related materials from the week's news. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor 16 St., at 8:45 p.m. 50c.

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tory, 201 W. 72 St. Russian Songs, Balalaika Orchestra, Russian Buffet. Benefit Red Cross. Adm. 50c.

### Tomorrow Bronx

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### Tomorrow Brooklyn

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## Robert Minor

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place. Most of the chorus of moral indignation—which emotionally I share—falls to answer two questions: (1) the extent of popular reluctance in Britain and France to fight unless against attack; (2) the ability of France

and England to wage successful offensive war in Central Europe against Germany. And I have not yet seen an explanation of the way in which the signs so popular with some groups in England and America, 'Stop Hitler,' 'Stop War' can be carried out simultaneously. And, on Oct. 15: "Nevertheless, the world would have been made worse, not

better, by new war. Whoever and whatever finally won, Czechoslovakia would first have been crushed by trampling armies." And on Oct. 29: "Finally, I don't think war, from a Socialist viewpoint, would have been preferable to the present ugly situation. At least we have time to develop these forces in the realms of ideas and action, these forces of work-

ers which we must trust to defeat fascism, as we cannot trust alliance of capitalist nations." Note that this snivelling acceptance of Hitler's Munich alliance in 1938 is followed in 1945 by hostility to an "alliance of capitalist states" and the Socialist state plus the entire labor movement of the whole world, against Hitler. What Hitler

wanted from Pharisee Thomas in 1938, he got. What he wants from Thomas in 1945 he also gets. The Pharisees of old called themselves "Hasidism," meaning the pious ones. But the people saw their sanctimonious self-righteousness and hypocrisy and called them "Perushim"—the ones who are separate and apart from the people.

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## THE LOWDOWN

Real, Pre-War Scrap  
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By Nat Low

There'll be a fight of pre-war class at the Garden tonight when Jimmy Bivins and Melio Bettina climb into the ring to exchange fistic pleasantries. Both men are top flight heavies and there are some who are of the opinion Bivins will eventually dethrone Joe Louis.

At that, of all the men who have been fighting these past four or so years Bivins stands the only chance of whipping the champ—and that includes Corp. Billy Conn of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The solidly built, deceptive-hitting Negro heavy from Cleveland is a formidable ring foe who combines both hitting ability with a thorough command of the finer points of boxing. The young man can move much faster than he seems to and his punching prowess has been tested under fire.

At the moment Bivins is sporting a winning streak which has carried through 18 fights and his victims include Tami Mauriello, Lee Savold, Bettina himself, Bob Pastor, Lloyd Marshall, Herb Marshall and Lee Q. Murray. No mean list, eh?

The last time we saw Bivins in action was in March of 1943 when he handed Tami Mauriello the worst licking of his career up to that time. Bivins won with such ridiculous ease at that time that ringside observers were taken back. It didn't seem possible for anyone to thrash Tami with such a minimum of effort—yet here it was.

Bivins' chief stock in trade is looping left to the head that doesn't seem to have dynamite in it at all. It seems to float through the air lazily. But when it lands the man who has caught it suddenly begins to act like a drunk. His eyes glaze and his knees bend. I don't know just how Bivins does it but he does—as you will see tonight if you can your way into the Garden.

Catching Bettina, a troublesome southpaw, may be a more difficult job than clipping an orthodox fighter but Bivins has done it before and there's no reason why he can't do it again. Especially if Mello carries the fight to Bivins as he's said he would.

On the record we'd say Bivins should win—with some to spare—but we haven't seen either of the fighters in a long time so for once we're going to refrain from making a prediction.

Sgt. Joe DiMaggio, who is stationed at Atlantic City where the Yankees are training, says the example of Pete Gray, the one-armed St. Louis Browns outfielder who led the Southern Association in hitting last year, will inspire war veterans who have lost limbs in the fight against the Axis. Already a wounded vet, an air corps officer who lost his right leg in a flight over Germany, is trying out with the Washington Senators.

I have no doubt that the example of Gray will inspire many of these wounded vets but I'd be wary of rousing their spirits too much—especially if they are ex-athletes. I don't know how Gray will do in the majors this year but certainly the loss of a limb is a terrible handicap to any kind of an athlete and I personally feel that in peacetime such a handicapped boy will find it impossible to make the grade in major league sports. It is one thing to hold out hopes of making a living in industry or elsewhere—it is another thing to make the grade in sports.

## The Adventures of Richard

The Birthday Gift

By Mike Singer

Menash was 11 years old this week and the kids pooled in a quarter each to buy him a gift—but Menash had to chip in 50 cents to get it. When No-Nose, Richard, Flekel,

Fatso and Fritz saw the base-

ball game in Simon's toy shop, they decided that was the perfect gift for Menash. "Sure, that's something we can all play," Flekel pointed out.

But the game cost \$1.75, fifty cents less than the combined total the kids had on hand.

"How's about making it a buck and a quarter?" No-Nose suggested to Simon.

"And how's about you all getting out and stopping to bother me?" Simon parried.

"All we got is \$1.25," Richard said.

"It costs \$1.75, no more no less," Simon replied. "I know you kiddyos, if I give you an inch you want the whole store. Nope, no bargaining."

"How's about letting us trying it out foist," Flekel countered.

"It works, don't worry, it works fine," Simon almost shouted, "or maybe you'd like a season ticket to

Ebbets Field with it?"

Outside the store the kids tried to figure out the next step. "Look, ain't the game for Menash?" No-Nose asked, "ain't he gonna own it, so let's make him chip in the rest of the dough."

A half-hour later Menash was in the store with the rest of the kids.

"We picked out this game for you," Richard said, pointing to the baseball contraption.

"Gee, that looks swell," Menash declared, his eyes shining.

"But you gotta lend us four bits more on account we ain't got all the dough," Fatso asserted.

Menash's tone changed. "Me chip in a half buck for my own present? That's no gift."

"You want the game, dontcha?" No-Nose challenged. "Well, we wanna get it for ya, so whaddya squawking."

"Yeh, besides who's gonna own it, you or us?" Flekel cited.

On the way home, Menash with the package under his arm, was still dubious about the transaction. "You guys only chip in a quarter, I chip in four bits and yet you call it a present."

"That's gracchitude for ya," No-Nose philosophized.

## Cage Tourney Opens Tom'w

By PHIL GORDON

The eighth annual National Invitation Basketball Tournament will get under way at the Garden tomorrow night with Bowling Green (22-2) facing Rensselaer Poly (13-0) and Tennessee (18-4) meeting Rhode Island State's inimitable Rhodies (19-3).

Two days later, Monday, the second quarter-final round will pit DePaul's mighty club with West Virginia and St. John's defending champions, with Muhlenberg's Mules.

The last team to be named for the Tourney, R. F. I., is also the dark horse. The Engineers are the first undefeated team ever to come into the post season competition. The Engineers, composed almost entirely of Naval trainees, did not beat big name schools while compiling their undefeated record. They licked, among other, Rochester, Baldwin Wallace, Holy Cross and Williams. Baldwin Wallace, incidentally, was one of the two teams to beat Bowling Green this season—so that holds the only clue to the true merit of the boys.

Tennessee's Vols, who beat NYU's Violets here earlier, 50-48, are the best defensive five in the country and that makes their game with race-horse Rhodie very attractive. The Vols held Temple to 33 points, Alabama to an unbelievable low of 14, Mississippi State, Georgia Tech and Auburn each to 26. Only four times have they scored more than 50 points in one contest. Their opponents, the Rhodies, went over the century mark six times with totals of 109, 110, 111, 112, 121 and 130.

Star of the Rhodies is Ernie Calverley, one of the greatest players ever to show in the Garden. The little guy racked up 407 points this season, an average of 22 per game.

## ODT Slashes Spring Exhibition Travel

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—The ax fell hard today on spring training game schedules of the major league teams. In the most drastic action of its kind in 25 years, major league leaders agreed to a wholesale revision of exhibition schedules to achieve further travel savings.

A new agreement between Transportation Director J. Monroe Johnson and the presidents of the American and National Leagues—Will Harridge and Ford Frick—provides that spring exhibitions will be permitted only if:

1. Games are between clubs training in the same city or suburban areas of the same city.

2. Games are with service teams or at military camps, provided the military supplies the transportation.

3. Games are scheduled with clubs on a direct route from the spring training camp to a team's home city. There must be no side trips en route home after a team breaks camp.

This will have the net effect of eliminating virtually all travel by the big league clubs while they are at their training camps. And it will force cancellation of many exhibition games.

There was no mention of voluntary action in today's announcement. In fact, there was a suggestion that the leagues had no choice.

Frick and Harridge said they would notify clubs in their leagues immediately and request them to revise their training game schedules. They said in a joint statement that "in order to cooperate fully with the ODT," they will recommend "cancellation of all spring training games involving any public transportation" not in accord with the three conditions set forth. They had no accurate estimate

## News From the Training Camps

Manager Joe McCarthy of the Yankees began to get a little concerned yesterday over the continued absence of several players, particularly catchers Bill Drescher and Mike Garbark.

The catchers, both 4-F's, have not indicated they were holdouts and McCarthy is depending on them to do most of the backstopping this season. Among the others not yet on hand, first baseman Nick Eiten, infielders Frank Crossetti, George Stinewiss and Mike Milosevich were regarded as holdouts, while outfielder Paul Waner has advised that he is working out in Florida.

Up at Bear Mountain what passes as the Dodgers had a day of warm weather yesterday. But Leo Durocher still hasn't got enough men together to get up a game and isn't the least bit happy about his holdouts, Dixie Walker, leading hitter of the majors last year, and Les Hebbler, relief pitcher.

At Lakewood Mel Ott's club was shaping up best but still the need for another receiver to help Ernie Lombardi was worrying Mel. Ray Berres has still not reported and it is rumored he is a holdout.

of the travel saving involved.

All but four clubs—the Boston Braves, Washington Senators, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees—will be hard hit by the ban on intercamp games involving travel.

### 11 A. M. to NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road of Life  
WOR—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WABC—Amanda—Sketch  
WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger  
11:15-WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch  
WABC—Second Husband  
11:30-WEAF—Star Playhouse  
WOR—Take It Easy Time  
WJZ—News; Music  
WABC—Bright Horizon  
WMCA—News; Popular Music  
WQXR—Concert Music  
11:45-WEAF—David Harum  
WOR—What's Your Idea?  
WABC—Aunt Jennie  
11:55-WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs

### NOON TO 2 P. M.

12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News  
WOR—News; Music  
WJZ—Glamour Manor  
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music  
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggie McNeill  
WABC—Big Sister  
12:30-WEAF—United States Marine Band  
WOR—News; The Answer Man  
WJZ—News; Farm-Home Makers  
WABC—Helen Trent  
12:45-WABC—Our Gai Sunday  
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR—Jack Benny's Album  
WJZ—Woman's Exchange Program  
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
1:15-WOR—Lopez Orchestra  
WABC—Ma Perkins  
1:30-WABC—Bernardine Flynn  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Benity, News  
WOR—American Women's Jury  
WABC—The Goldbergs

### 2 P. M. to 6 P. M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light  
WOR—Cedric Belfrage, News  
WJZ—John B. Kennedy  
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M. D.  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Concert Music  
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children  
WOR—Talk—Jane Cowell  
WJZ—Ethel and Albert  
WABC—Two on a Clue  
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White  
WOR—News; Never Too Old  
WJZ—Tommy Taylor and Gene Woods, Songs  
WABC—Perry Mason  
WQXR—Green Room Music  
2:45-WEAF—Betty Crocker, Talk  
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
WABC—Tena and Tim  
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America  
WOR—Martha Deane Program  
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated  
WABC—Mary Martin  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Request Music  
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins  
WABC—The High Places  
WMCA—Talk—Ethel Colby  
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young  
WOR—Rambling With Gambling  
WJZ—Appointment With Life  
WABC—Sing Along Club  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness  
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife—Sketch  
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs

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WJZ—News—Westbrook Van Voorhis  
WABC—House Party  
WMCA—News; Western Songs  
WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch  
WJZ—Till Me, Doctor  
4:25-WABC—News Reports  
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones  
WOR—Food and Home Forum  
WJZ—Report From Overseas  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WABC—Feature Story  
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown  
WJZ—Hop Harrigan  
WABC—Recorded Music  
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries  
WOR—Uncle Don  
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates  
WMCA—News; Music  
WABC—First in the Air  
WQXR—News; Man About Town  
5:15-WEAF—Fortis Faces Life  
WOR—Superman  
WJZ—Dick Tracy  
WQXR—Fun With Music  
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill  
WOR—House of Mystery  
WJZ—Jack Armstrong  
WABC—Terry Allen, Songs  
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
WQXR—Temple Emanuel Service  
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell  
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix  
WJZ—Captain Midnight  
WABC—Wilderness Road

### 6 P. M. to 9 P. M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports  
WOR—Sydney Mossley  
WJZ—News; Kiernan's News Corner  
WABC—News; Quincy Howe  
WMCA—News; Talk; Music  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
6:15-WEAF—Concert Music  
WOR—Dorsey Orchestra  
WJZ—To Be Announced  
WABC—Lyn Murray Orchestra  
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music  
6:30-WOR—News; Fred Vandeventer  
WJZ—News; Whose War—Talk  
WABC—Sally Moore, Songs  
WMCA—Leon Pearson  
6:40-WEAF—Sports, Bill Stern  
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas  
WOR—Sports, Stan Lomax  
WJZ—Perry Mann, Songs  
WABC—The World Today—News  
WABC—Recorded Music  
6:55-WABC—Joseph P. Harach, News  
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety  
WOR—Pulton Lewis Jr.  
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—Operetta Music  
7:30-WEAF—Al Roth's Orchestra  
WOR—Variety Musicale  
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh  
WQXR—Treasury of Music  
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn  
WHN—Johanna Steel  
WABC—Ted Martin, Songs  
8:00-WEAF—Highways in Melody  
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# Hollywood Writers Answer Cowan on Postwar Films

Lester Cowan, one of Hollywood's leading independent producers, has expressed opposition to the proposal of Robert Riskin, chief of the OWI's Overseas Motion Picture Bureau, that Hollywood set up a non-profit company for postwar production of educational films for overseas distribution.

Cowan says it would impose "a stigma of propaganda or political control." In reply to his rejection of continued co-operation after the war between Hollywood and Washington, the Hollywood Writers Mobilization has sent the following letter to the producer:

As a voluntary war agency co-operating closely with the OWI's Overseas Motion Picture Bureau, the Hollywood Writers Mobilization is interested in the implications of your recent open letter to Robert Riskin, chief of that bureau.

To many of us who have worked with Mr. Riskin on documentary pictures for overseas release, these implications seem both puzzling and amazing.

During his current visit to Hollywood, Mr. Riskin has merely proposed that when the fighting phase of the war ends, the need will continue both at home and abroad for educational pictures interpreting the values and achievements of democracy in action. He suggests that the excellent start made by the OWI along this line should not be scrapped; that the industry take over this tremendously important job, with whatever help and advice from the government that might be necessary.

You make this intelligent proposal sound like a bureaucratic plot against the industry. To us it seems

like an opportunity for the industry—a real opportunity that should be welcomed and used.

## VITAL COLLABORATION

As writers with some specialized experience in documentary films for foreign as well as home release, we have learned that government co-operation in planning these films is pretty important. Hollywood's internal resources are undoubtedly great. But there are also resources of information and experience in the State Department, the War and Navy Departments, the Treasury Department. In presenting a valid screen interpretation of American life and American aims, these government sources of information are rather essential, as we have learned.

You seem to assume that a liaison between the government and an overseas educational picture organization would mean automatic and autocratic government control. You assume that such a bureau would become a "propaganda agency"—using the word propaganda in its loaded sense. You assume that any government participation in the media of education and information leads inevitably to dictatorship. You as-

sume that there is no real difference between the theory of government in a free democracy and in a tyranny such as Nazi Germany.

These assumptions seem strangely confused, and even a little grotesque.

To assume that our American government of, for and by the people is no different than the Nazi government in its trends and motivations seems to us to show a surprising mistrust of the basic processes of democracy.

## TO CONSOLIDATE GAINS

We are not trying to force our documentary films down other people's throats, as the Nazis did in Norway, Holland, Belgium and France. We are trying to meet an eager and insistent demand among hundreds of millions of people for a better understanding of America and of our democracy. And in meeting this demand in cooperation with the government, the writers, producers and directors of these films feel that they and the industry have grown in stature.

To assert, as you do, that "to handicap our industry by imposing a stigma of propaganda or political control is the surest way to destroy it" is in our opinion so much eye-wash. The government of our American democracy has not and is not trying to impose any such control on the industry. It has been cooperating with the industry in a time of world crisis in an effort to use the international language of pictures in a more informed and intelligent way for strengthening the forces of democracy in this world.

We question the validity of your apparent idea that the war will end with the end of the fighting; that we will straightway revert to "normalcy," and that the crisis will be past. The struggle to consolidate the victory is just beginning; the real crisis may outlast the lives of most of us. We believe that in the years ahead there will be increasing need of cooperation and understanding between labor, industry, government. We are convinced that such cooperation is especially important in the motion picture field.

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Music by LEONARD BERNSTEIN  
Book & Lyrics by BETTY COMDEN & ADOLPH GREEN. Dances by JEROME ROBBINS  
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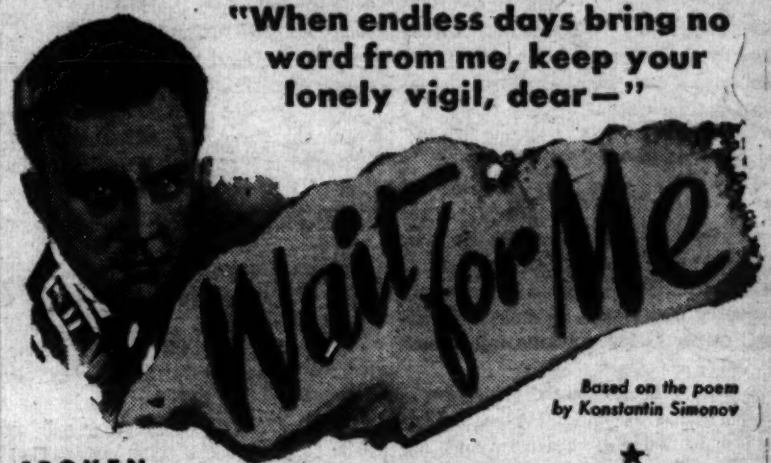
Book by HERBERT & DOROTHY FIELDS  
Lyrics by DOROTHY FIELDS  
Music by SIGMUND ROMBERG  
CENTURY THEATRE, 7th Ave. & 59th St.  
Evgs. 8:30. Mats. Wed. & Sat. at 2:30

## Enrollment Still Open in Free Art Classes

Enrollment is still open in the free art class, being given by the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office from 7:45 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday night. The class is given for servicemen, their wives and families at the City Center of Music and Drama, 130 West 56th St. No previous art training is required for admission to the fifteen-

week course, in which sketching, watercolor and oil painting will be taught. R. M. Aram-Donner is the volunteer instructor for this course. For immediate registration, call Mrs. Robert Salomon, Director of the Free Art Course at City Hall, Cortlandt 7-1000, Extension 128.

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Buy More War Bonds



Ingrid Bergman has completed the Motion Picture Industry Red Cross War Fund Week trailer which will be shown during the week of March 15 through 21. Produced at the RKO Radio Pictures' studio in Hollywood, and directed by Jacques Tourneur, the trailer highlights the 1945 Red Cross Drive in its relation to the fighting fronts, with Miss Bergman making a dramatic appeal augmented with scenes showing the Red Cross in action.

## Aubrey Pankey Recital In Boston April 8 Chinese Communist Exhibit at Bookshop

Aubrey Pankey, noted American baritone, will be heard in recital at Jordan Hall in Boston on Sunday afternoon, April 8 and in Town Hall, New York on Thursday evening, April 19.

He has recently returned from a concert tour that has taken him through the south and midwest.

His Boston concert will be under the auspices of the Boston Branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees.

Posters and money from the Chinese Communist areas, brought back to this country by Harrison Forman, will be on exhibition all this week in the Jefferson Bookshop, 575 Sixth Ave.

Forman is the author of Report from Red China which has just been published. A review of his book and Lin Yutang's Vigil of a Nation will be the feature of the weekly review by Harold Collins at the Jefferson School tonight.



# Late Bulletins

## OPA Unkind to Camels, Is Plea

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Competition from Philip Morris, Old Golds and even Luckies appears to be hurting Camels.

Anyhow, the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. sent its headman up to Washington today to protest to the Senate Banking and Finance Committee against OPA's failure to recognize that Camel quality merited a price increase over "cheaper grades" of competitive brands.

S. Clay Williams, chairman of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., repeatedly told the Senators that he was not opposing price control—not at all. His objection was against industry ceilings as against individual ceilings for various manufacturers.

With an eye on the crowded press table, Williams said OPA regulation "have forced us to throw out six million dollars worth of advertising

in 1944." He explained this was copy for newspapers, magazines and radio programs.

To show what industry-wide ceilings have done to the tobacco industry, William cited some figures. In summary, they showed this:

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., Chesterfield, had net profits of \$25,750,000 for the base period 1936-39 before income taxes. The 1944 profit had become \$31,240,000.

American Tobacco Co. (Lucky Strike) had a base profit of \$28,973,500 and in 1944 it rose to \$42,722,000.

Philip Morris & Co. had a base profit of only \$5,587,750 but in 1944 it was \$12,581,000.

P. Lorillard (Old Glod) had a base profit of \$4,006,500 and increased it to \$9,929,000 in 1944.

But R. J. Reynolds, having a base profit of \$33,940,750, dropped in 1944 to a scant \$31,620,000.

## Congress Party Takes Post in India Province

NEW DELHI, March 15 (UP).—The Congress Party of the Northwest Frontier Province today formed a new council of ministers for the first time since the council resigned in 1939 in protest against India being declared a belligerent before Indian leaders were consulted.

Formation of a ministry after an interval of six years was the first indication that the Congress Party, led by Mohandas K. Gandhi, was ready to assume office in provinces in which it is in the majority. The new ministry is under the leadership of Dr. Khan Sahib.

[It is not clear from this dispatch whether Congress leaders of the Northwest Frontier Province were released from jail in order to form a ministry. In the more important eastern provinces, like Bengal, Congress is still illegal and its leaders—like Jawaharlal Nehru—are still imprisoned.]

## Clear Mandalay North of Fort

MANDALAY, March 15 (UP).—The Japanese position in the Mandalay area was deteriorating rapidly today, and troops of the 19th Indian Division still battling for isolated Fort Dufferin could hear the artillery barrages of other British troops closing in from the southwest.

All of Mandalay north of Fort Dufferin has been cleared of the enemy and the fall of the stronghold itself appeared imminent as the Empire troops enveloped it from both sides and thwarted enemy plans to hold open a corridor to the south part of the city.

## Japanese Report U.S. Fleet Above Iwo

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—Enemy broadcasts reported today that an American invasion fleet had been sighted north of Iwo Island, possibly preparing for a new landing on the immediate approaches to Japan.

## Alleged Nazi Peace Offer Rejected

LONDON, March 15 (UP).—The Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet published a wholly unconfirmed report today that Adolf Hitler made a peace offer to America and Britain early this month and it was rejected.

A British foreign office commentator said he had no information regarding the Stockholm report of a Nazi peace gesture.

## U.S. Planes Aid Indo-China Troops

CHUNGKING, March 15 (UP).—U.S. 14th Airforce fighters and bombers are supporting French and Annamite troops resisting the Japanese in French Indo-China, it was disclosed today.

The fighters strafed the enemy barracks area at Vinhyan, northwest of Hanoi yesterday, destroying six large buildings. Bombers hit Pinhsiang, just inside the Kwangsi province border near Langsom, Japanese stronghold in the northern part of Indo-China.

## Smash Japanese Luzon Landing

MANILA, Friday, March 16 (UP).—Japanese troops attempting to land in the Batangas Bay area in southwestern Luzon have been smashed by troops of the 158th Regiment combat team, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

## Windsor Resigns Bahamas Posts

LONDON, Friday, March 16 (UP).—The Duke of Windsor has resigned as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahamas effective April 30, and he and the Duchess probably will make their home in the United States or France.

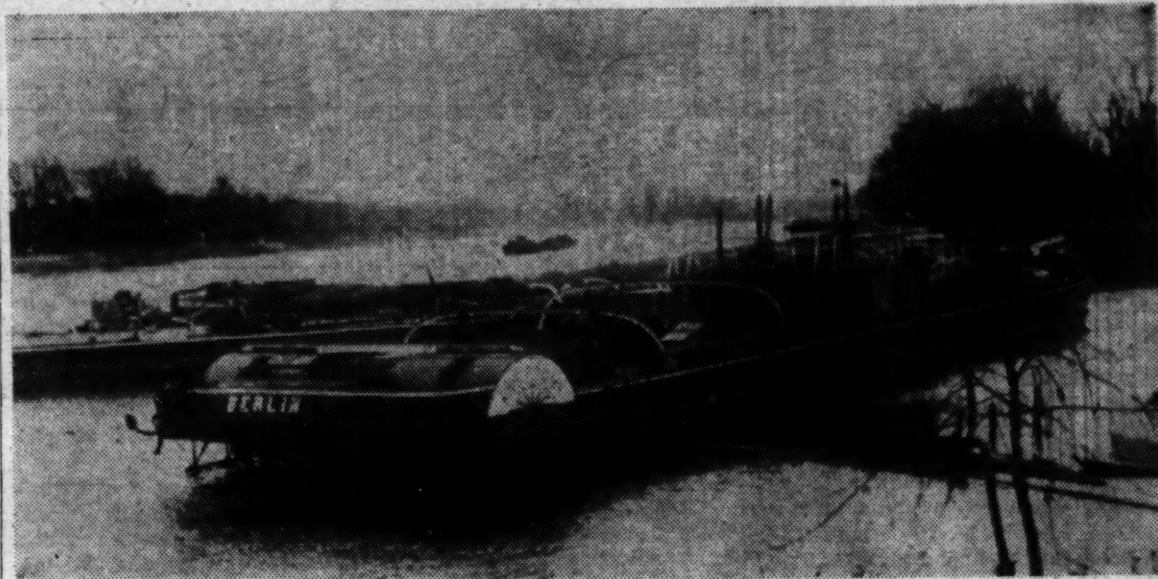
## Screen Guild Ballots Members on Walkout

HOLLYWOOD, March 15 (UP).—The powerful Screen Actors Guild, representing 8,000 stars and bit players, tonight began a secret ballot on whether to join a four-day walkout of studio craftsmen.

Guild secretary John Dales, Jr., said ballots were being mailed to all members. Results might not be known, however, until late next week because ballots may be returned as late as next Tuesday.

# Daily Worker

New York, Friday, March 16, 1945



This is the famous Oder River, last river barrier to Berlin, which the Soviets have crossed. It is a quiet scene now, the quiet of surrender, with a captured German barge in the foreground, and both banks in the background cleared of the Nazis. The barge, appropriately enough, is named Berlin.

—Sovfoto Radiophoto

## The Veteran Commander

### GREATEST UNITY LIES IN FIGHTING TOGETHER

IT has been reported that Allied planes based in Italy teamed up with Soviet planes in joint attack against targets in Hungary and Austria. American fliers probably covered Soviet fliers, and vice versa. Russians risked their lives so Americans could live on. Conversely, Americans braved danger to see their Russian comrades come through.

This is the kind of tactical situation which in a fleeting moment creates unity which may save generations, for there is no greater unity than fighting together.

It is the soldier who in the last analysis seals international unity based on the common sacrifice of blood, on common danger, on the attainment of a common objective.

So far, our cooperation with Soviet soldiers has been limited to the war in the air. Of course, flying in the same sky is a much less intimate thing than crouching in the same foxhole. But common foxholes are coming. The Western and Eastern Fronts are moving ever closer and the day is not distant when Americans and Russians will meet somewhere on the Elbe. On that day, as far as the soldiers are concerned, William L. White and the Chicago Tribune, the London Poles and Monsignor Sheehan will go into oblivion and only the common, decent things of human life will be remembered.

This is why the imminent great battles on the Rhine and on the Oder which will bring together the fighting men of the West and East are of such tremendous importance, an importance far greater than their actual military result. At last, The Twain shall meet.

The meeting of British, American and Soviet

soldiers, say, somewhere near Erfurt, or Brunswick, or Hamburg will in itself be a "peace conference." Listening together to the whine of the same enemy shell which seems to be heading straight for your foxhole establishes common thinking more effectively than hundreds of orientation lectures. Seeing your common foe with your eyes at the same time, in a physical sense, is wonderful international cement.

Today the northern wing of the Western Front is enveloped in mysterious smoke screens behind which vast movements are taking place. We are probing the Rhine here and there, between Nijmegen and Cologne. Our bridgehead at Remagen is growing in width and depth and our troops have reached the super-highway running from the Ruhr to Frankfurt-am-Main. Generals Patton and Patch are compressing the enemy fighting space between the Moselle, the Saar and the upper Rhine.

Soviet divisions are reported to have crossed the Oder near Kuestrin. They are choking to death the enemy troops in East Prussia and are about to attack Kolberg, Danzig, Gdynia and Koenigsberg. The German position in Slovakia is beginning to crumble with the capture of Zwolen, and the Hron River is about to be crossed by the Red Army. Near Lake Balaton the enemy continues to bleed himself to death at the rate of 75-100-125 tanks lost per day.

German top commanders (Rundstedt and Guderian) are reported to have been dismissed.

Overhead the greatest aerial assault against Germany is growing in a mighty crescendo with 11-ton bombs being loosed by the British on the ex-Reich.

Truly, the last phase of the "big war" is on.

## OWNERS REJECT MAJOR LEWIS DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—The soft coal operators have agreed unanimously to reject flatly all but three of John L. Lewis' new contract demands, an operator revealed tonight.

Among the contract terms rejected is the demand for a royalty of 10 cents a ton which the UMW planned to use for insurance and hospitalization funds for union members.

The government is preparing, at Lewis' request, to take a vote among the miners March 28 to see if they want to strike in event his demands are not met.

Advised of the operators' de-

cision, a high administration official said he considered it impossible for the operators and miners to reach agreement on a contract by April 1. Emphasizing that coal production must not stop, he estimated that a strike of five days' duration would

shut down 1,000 war plants.

He considered it likely that Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins may ask Lewis over the weekend to agree to a one-month extension of the present contract to permit additional negotiating time.

## Vichy Head of Tunisia Gets Life

PARIS, March 15 (UP).—Adm. Jean Esteva, Governor-General of Tunisia when Allied armies invaded French North Africa in 1942, and the first of the top Vichyites to face a French judge, was found guilty of treason today and sentenced to life imprisonment.

In addition, he was ordered stripped of his naval rank, deprived of all his property and subjected to "degradation." Esteva is a friend of Marshal Philippe Petain who is shortly to be tried with Pierre Laval in absentia.

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